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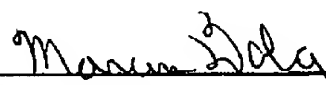
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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2003, Applicants respond as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 13 and 25.

Please amend claims 5, 9, 16 and 21 as follows.

5. (Amended) The partition as set forth in claim 1, wherein:  
said frame further includes a substantially horizontally extending cross-member having  
a plurality of windows; and  
said attachment members are inserted into said windows for attaching said cover  
member to said frame.

9. (Amended) The partition as set forth in claim 8, wherein:  
said at least one of said spring clips includes a connecting flange that extends above an  
upper edge of said cover member, wherein a tool can be inserted in a space located between  
said upper edge of said cover member and an outwardly protruding member of said frame  
located above said cover member so as to engage said connecting flange of said at least one of  
said spring clips and depress said connecting flange so as to disengage said tab of said at least  
one of said spring clips from said inside surface of said cross-member to disengage said at  
least one of said spring clips from its associated window.